

SENATE, No. 1098

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 9, 1996

By Senator MacINNES

1 AN ACT concerning voter registration, amending P.L.1974, c.30 and
2 supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 15 of P.L.1974, c.30 (C.19:31-6.3) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 15. a. As used in this section, "public agency" shall mean:

10 The Division of Worker's Compensation, the Division of
11 Employment Services and the Division of Unemployment and
12 Temporary Disability Insurance, established initially by section 5 of
13 P.L.1948, c.446 (C.34:1A-5), in the Department of Labor;

14 The Division of Taxation in the Department of the Treasury,
15 continued under section 24 of P.L.1948, c.92 (C.52:18A-24);

16 The New Jersey Transit Corporation, established pursuant to
17 section 4 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-4);

18 Any free county library established under the provisions of article
19 1 of chapter 33 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes;

20 Any regional library established under the provisions of P.L.1962,
21 c.134 (C.40:33-13.3 et seq.);

22 Any free public library established under the provisions of article 1
23 of chapter 54 of Title 40 of the Revised Statutes;

24 Any joint free public library established under the provisions of
25 P.L.1959, c.155 (C.40:54-29.3 et seq.);

26 Any public institution of higher education as included under the
27 provisions of N.J.S.18A:62-1;

28 Any office or commercial establishment where State licenses or
29 permits, other than licenses or permits issued by a professional or
30 occupational board established under the laws of this State, are
31 available to individual members of the public; and

32 Any recruitment office of the New Jersey National Guard.

33 b. Any person entitled to register to vote may register as a voter
34 in the election district in which that person resides at any time prior to

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 the twenty-ninth day preceding any election by completing a
2 registration form described in section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30
3 (C.19:31-6.4) and submitting the form to the commissioner of
4 registration of the county wherein the person resides or alternatively,
5 in the case of a registration form provided by the employees or agents
6 of a public agency or a voter registration agency, as defined in
7 subsection a. of section 26 of P.L.1994, c.182 (C.19:31-6.11), to
8 those employees or agents or to the Secretary of State. Any
9 registration form addressed to a commissioner of registration may be
10 mailed to or delivered to the office of that commissioner, and in the
11 case of a registration form available at a public agency, the form shall
12 be mailed to the Secretary of State, or delivered to the commissioner
13 of registration in the county of the registrant. A registration form
14 postmarked, stamped or otherwise marked as having been received
15 from the registration applicant, on or before the twenty-ninth day
16 preceding any election shall be deemed timely.

17 (cf: P.L.1994, c.182, s.6)

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19 2. (New section) The registrar or other principal officer
20 responsible for the registration of students at each public institution of
21 higher education as included under the provisions of N.J.S.18A:62-1
22 shall:

23 a. cause copies of the voter registration forms and instructions
24 furnished under subsection f. of section 16 of P.L.1974, c.30
25 (C.19:31-6.4) to be displayed at the office of registration for that
26 institution and to be made available to each eligible enrolled student
27 at and each eligible prospective student of the institution who, when
28 appearing in person at that office, may wish on a voluntary basis to
29 register to vote;

30 b. provide for the continuous supply of the forms and instructions
31 specified in subsection a. of this section to that office of registration;
32 and

33 c. provide the forms and instructions specified in subsection a. of
34 this section in both the English and Spanish languages to each office
35 of registration that is located in any county in which bilingual sample
36 ballots must be provided pursuant to R.S.19:14-21, R.S.19:49-4 or
37 section 2 of P.L.1965, c.29 (C.19:23-22.4).

38 As used in this section:

39 “eligible enrolled student” means an individual who is already
40 enrolled in a public institution of higher education who, by the time of
41 the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United
42 States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a resident of the
43 county in which the individual resides for at least 30 days before the
44 election; and

45 “eligible prospective student” means an individual who is applying
46 for initial enrollment in a public institution of higher education who,

1 by the time of the next election, shall be at least 18 years old, a citizen
2 of the United States, a resident of the State of New Jersey, and a
3 resident of the county in which the individual resides for at least 30
4 days before the election.

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6 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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11 This bill provides that voter registration forms are to be made
12 available at the office of the registrar of any public institution of higher
13 education.

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18 Provides for voter registration at office of registrar of public
19 institutions of higher education.